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3	10/3/50	PH LETTER to NY with copy	1/1	1/1	
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5	11/29/50	BS Report to HQ	3	0	See HQ 65-59395-4
6	1/6/51	NY Report to HQ w/copy	4/4	0	See HQ 65-59395-9
7	1/13/51	NY letter to HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59395-10
8	2/11/51	NK Report to HQ	4	0	See HQ 65-59395-14
9	5/25/51	HQ letter to NK w/copy	1/1	0	See HQ 65-59395-18
10	6/14/51	HQ letter to NK w/copy	2/2	0	See HQ 65-59395-19
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16	11/4/51	PH Report to HQ	4	0	See HQ 65-59395-36
17	11/16/51	NK Report to HQ	7	0	See HQ 65-59395-39
18	4/11/52	NK Report to HQ	4	0	See HQ 65-59395-41
19	7/23/52	NK Report to HQ w/ copy	6	0	See HQ 65-59395-44
20	8/26/52	NK letter to HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59395-46
21	10/1/52	NY Report to HQ w/ copy	3	0	See HQ 65-59395-49
22	12/8/52	DN Report to HQ w/ copy	4	0	See HQ 65-59395-53
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27	2/18/53	NY airtel to HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59395-61
28	2/24/53	NY Report to HQ w/copy	5/5	0	See HQ 65-59395-62
29	4/3/53	CV Report to HQ w/copy	3/3	0	See HQ 65-59395-64
30	6/5/53	NH Report to HQ	3	0	See HQ 65-59395-65
31	6/8/53	NK letter to HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59395-66
32	6/24/53	NY Report to HQ w/copy	2/2	0	See HQ 65-59395-67
33	7/29/53	NY letter to HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59395-70
34	7/21/53	NY airtel. to HQ	1	0	See HQ 65-59395-69
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DATE: October 31, 1950

SUBJECT: NICHOLS,
East Rutherford, New Jersey;
THOMAS L. BLACK, Informant
ESPIONAGE - R

Rerep SA ROBERT W. HOLMES, dated August 17, 1950.

It is suggested that the New York Division conduct as much of the following investigation as is feasible in an attempt to identify the unknown subject of this case.

It is suggested that HARRY ROSS of 70 West Broadway, New York 7, N. Y. be contacted. ROSS is a dealer in microscopes and scientific laboratory equipment, catering especially to amateur microscopists who wish to purchase their equipment in small quantities. ROSS is understood to have a large clientele in the New York area, and may possibly have done business with NICHOLS.

It is also suggested that the New York Microscopic Society, located at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park, West, at 79th Street, be contacted. The secretary of this organization, whose address is not known, was in 1949 MAX BACHFACH. This society has approximately 200 members, and publishes a bulletin. It is possible that NICHOLS may be or may have been a member, or may be on the mailing list.

It is also suggested that the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers be contacted at 29 West 39th Street, New York City, to determine whether NICHOLS is or ever has been a member.

In addition, it is suggested that the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America be contacted at Room 966, 11 Broadway, New York City to determine whether NICHOLS is or ever has been a member.

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August 2, 1951

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EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY
THOMAS L. BLACK - INFORMANT
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Rebulet, 6/14/51.

The following investigation was conducted at
White Plains, New York, on July 9, 17, 19 and 20, 1951.

It was ascertained through a check of the City
Directory of White Plains, New York, that the resident at
19 Gedney Terrace, White Plains, is one JOHN I. BOGART, who
is a painter by trade.

Mr. GEORGE HELD of 17 Gedney Terrace, White
Plains, New York, advised that Mr. and Mrs. BOGART have lived
at 19 Gedney Terrace and have owned the house at that address
for approximately 25 years and further advised that they have
an excellent reputation.

Mrs. GERTRUDE C. BOGART was interviewed and ad-
vised that she had an individual who roomed at her house for
approximately one-and-one-half years around 1935, whose true
name was ARTHUR MARION NICHOLS. She advised that he had roomed
at the YMCA in White Plains before he came to her house. At
that time he had two brothers living in White Plains, namely,
LESTER and MOSES NICHOLS.

Mrs. BOGART further advised that ARTHUR NICHOLS
worked for an insurance company in White Plains around 1935, and
that he had come to White Plains from someplace in New Jersey.
She stated that she has not seen ARTHUR NICHOLS since 1935.

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and has no information regarding his present occupation or whereabouts. She stated that during the time he lived here he seemed to be a normal type young man, and as far as she knew, was entirely loyal.

The records of the Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, New York, indicated that ARTHUR M. NICHOLS and his wife, BETTY, lived in 1941 at 46 Quarroppas Street, White Plains. Also, he was employed as an adjuster by the Fire Companies Adjustment Bureau located at 31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York. The credit records indicated an inquiry in 1941 by the Peoples National Bank and Trust Co. of White Plains.

The credit bureau records also indicated that a brother, LESTER MERRITT NICHOLS, and his wife, DOROTHY, presently reside at 116 Russell Street, White Plains, New York. LESTER is employed by the City of New York as a director of public relations.

Mr. MARTIN D. RYAN, Vice President, Peoples National Bank and Trust Company, White Plains, New York, advised that ARTHUR M. NICHOLS had obtained a loan from that bank in August, 1940 and had repaid the loan in August, 1941. At that time he resided in the Riverpark Apartments, White Plains, New York. NICHOLS made several subsequent requests for loans, all of which were refused. The bank records showed the same place of employment as previously indicated.

The bank records also indicated that NICHOLS had done business with the Morris Planned Industrial Bank in New York City.

Mr. VICTOR MILLER, a clerk at the U.S. Post Office, White Plains, New York, North Station, advised that he resides at Riverpark Apartments, White Plains, and that he knew ARTHUR NICHOLS personally while he lived there and has maintained contact with him since he has left there. He advised that

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NICHOLS resided for several years at the Riverpark Apartments and left there in 1943, at which time he went to Baltimore, Maryland. Subsequently he moved to South Weare, New Hampshire, and then to Caribou, Maine, and then to Presque Isle, Maine.

He recently moved to Woodridge, New Jersey, and either has already or will in the near future, move to Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Mr. MILLER was unable to furnish exact street addresses in the above towns. He stated that he was fairly friendly with NICHOLS during the time NICHOLS lived here and has visited him several times since he has left White Plains. MILLER'S wife and NICHOLS' wife still carry on an infrequent correspondence.

Mr. MILLER advised that he has no information which would indicate that NICHOLS is disloyal. He described NICHOLS as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 45 yrs.
Height:	6'
Weight:	180 lbs.
Hair:	Light brown
Marital Status:	Married; two children.

NORMAN W. PHILCOX, SA

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